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WELFARE FUND FOR LANDLESS LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to create a separate welfare fund of Rs. one thousand crore for welfare of landless labourers has been circulated by the Union Government to the State Governments;

(b) if so, the time when the proposal was sent and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government have not been able to take any decision to implement this proposal so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the names of the State Governments whose reaction on the proposal have been received and the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): A proposal to enact a comprehensive legislation for landless agricultural workers is under consideration of the Government which inter-alia includes creation of a Welfare Fund for providing certain welfare/social security measures to these workers. There were certain reservations expressed by a few State Governments on some of the components of the draft legislation including identifying the source of the fund. As it is the endeavour of the Government to reach a consensus on the matter, a Conference of the State Labour Ministers was again held on 18.1.2000 in New Delhi when views of the State Governments were obtained. The proposal is being re-examined on the basis of the views/comments of the State Governments.